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REMARKS

No claims have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are pending.

Interview Summary

The Practitioner thanks the Examiner for the interview of February 23, 2006. The Practitioner, Examiner and Primary Examiner discussed the claimed limitations with regard to the cited prior art and agreed that Uchino et al. does not disclose, expressly or inherently, each and every limitation of any one claim of this application. The Examiner requested that the Practitioner submit an after-final response and request that the final rejection be withdrawn. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Uchino et al. (USP 6,865,715). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 2 recites, among other features:

when a record including the notable word exists as a result of searching the second database, the word in the message text is converted into a hypertext format having a URL generated properly to which the word is linked as a link destination, and the message text is posted on the bulletin board, the URL being so described as to constitute a start instruction to a search report program, which reports a result of searching the second database by using the notable word as a keyword.

The Examiner asserted that Uchino discloses this feature because “keywords are converted into HTML for linking other related document threads by the URL, which will display the results and threads of the other bulletin board messages with the keyboard.” (Uchino, 1:32-58, 12:18 – 13:59, 14:58 – 15:17 and 16:5-67).

However, Uchino does not disclose this limitation either. Uchino discloses providing a URL for a keyword linking a user to a specific document within a display list, not providing a URL that

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"constitutes a start instruction to a search report program, which reports a result of searching the second database by using the notable word as a keyword". The cited portions of Uchino are directed to listing a group of documents having the "user-selected" term. In each record of Uchino's listing, a URL is provided for the "user-selected" search term. Uchino's keyword has a URL linking a user to a specific document within the displayed list. Since Uchino's URL does not disclose a start instruction to search report program, Uchino does not anticipate claim 2.

Independent claims 5, 8 and 11 have similar limitations as claim 2 and are therefore patentable over Uchino for the same reasons as set forth in the argument for claim 2. Claims 3, 6, 9 and 12 are patentable over Uchino by virtue of their respective dependence from claims 2, 5, 8 and 11.

Conclusion

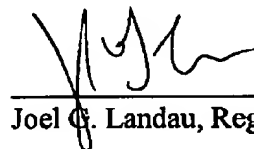
It is submitted, however, that the independent and dependent claims include other significant and substantial recitations which are not disclosed in the cited references. Thus, the claims are also patentable for additional reasons. However, for economy the additional grounds for patentability are not set forth here.

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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